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(1) JUNTA REVOLUCIONARIA CUBANA
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(JURE)

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Synopsis:

NY T-1 advised that ROBIN MOORE, who offered his Jamaican property to Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE), was leaving 12/18/63, for Saigon, Vietnam, and would not be able to accompany a JURE member to inspect his property, "Blue Lagoon". ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ, a JURE member, advised that MANUEL RAY was in NYC on 12/19/63 and told JURE members that President ROMULO BETANCOURT of Venezuela was financially assisting JURE. NY T-2 advised that twelve men, well-trained in infiltration and guerilla fighting, were recently moved from Miami to Puerto Rico. NY T-1 and NY T-2 advised that RAUL CHIBAS, delegate of JURE in NYC, recently brought bonds from Miami, Florida, for sale in New York to equip and outfit men for fighting in Cuba. NY T-1 also advised he discussed the sale of M-1 and "Enfrcer" guns with CHIBAS, and CHIBAS stated he had to discuss the purchase of the guns with "MANOLO" RAY. RAUL CHIBAS advised that he continues his association with, and leadership of, JURE in New York. CHIBAS stated that all military matters for JURE were under the direct control of "MANOLO" RAY. CHIBAS advised that recently five anti-CASTRO organizations joined with JURE.

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DETAILS:

NY T-1 on December 17, 1963, advised that he had been in contact with ROBIN MOORE on December 16, and 17, 1963, relative to MOORE's contemplated trip to his estate in Jamaica which he had offered to members of the Junta Revolucionaria Cubana (JURE) for their contemplated action against Cuba. NY T-1 stated that MOORE told him that due to his previous commitments, he would be unable to go to Jamaica with a member of JURE to inspect his property there which is known as "Blue Lagoon".

6(1)(d) NY T-1 advised that MOORE informed him that he would be leaving New York on December 18, 1963, to go to Saigon, Vietnam, to gather material for the book he was going to write on the United States Special Forces who are stationed there. MOORE told NY T-1 that he had contacted HOWARD JENNINGS, a friend of his in Jamaica and told him that one or two members of JURE may come to inspect "Blue Lagoon" and that he, JENNINGS, should assist whoever comes. NY T-1 had stated that MOORE told him that JENNINGS was in the oil drilling business, that he came originally from Texas and that he had formerly been in Cuba sometime previously and had gotten into trouble. MOORE told NY T-1 that JENNINGS would be very willing to assist any anti-FIDEL CASTRO organization in carrying out activities against Cuba.

6(1)(d) NY T-1 also stated on December 17, 1963, that ANTONIO DE LA CARRERA, a member of JURE, who does public relations work for the organization in New York, advised him that the JURE had purchased two airline tickets to travel to Jamaica to inspect the property of ROBIN MOORE. DE LA CARRERA told NY T-1 that the airline tickets were purchased by JURE and paid for by ANGEL FIGUEREDO, who is the treasurer for JURE in New York. DE LA CARRERA said to NY T-1 that JURE had not yet decided on who would travel to Jamaica and stated that they preferred that an American citizen went so that they would not have to obtain a visa for a Cuban.

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ESMAEL RODRIGUEZ, 84-19 51st Avenue, Elmhurst, Queens, leader of JURE, on December 20, 1963, advised that MANUEL "MUNOZ" had, head of JURE, stopped at La Guardia Airport for several hours on the night of December 19, 1963, enroute to San Juan, Puerto Rico. RODRIGUEZ said that RAY called him from La Guardia Airport and asked him to pick up Dr. RAUL CHIBAS, a leader of JURE, and bring him to the airport for a meeting.

RODRIGUEZ stated that he did what RAY had asked him and there was a meeting of RAY, CHIBAS, himself and several other individuals of JURE, held at the airport prior to RAY's departure. During this short meeting with RAY, RODRIGUEZ said that RAY told them that "this is the beginning of the end for CASTRO". RAY stated that he expected activities against Cuba to begin sometime during January, 1964. During the meeting, RAY also said that the JURE was receiving financial assistance from president ROMULO BETANCOURT of Venezuela.

NY T-2 on December 23, 1963, advised that following a recent trip to Puerto Rico by ROGELIO CISNEROS, JURE leader in Miami, Florida, it was decided that about 12 men be moved to Puerto Rico, who previously had been kept in Miami by CARLOS ZARRAGA, a member of JURE. NY T-2 stated that among the 12 men sent to Puerto Rico were EDEL MONTIEL and VICENTE MENDEZ. NY T-2 said that he did not know why these men had been moved from Miami to Puerto Rico, but the rumor within JURE was that they were men well-trained in infiltration and guerilla fighting. B

NY T-2 also stated on December 23, 1963, that SUAREZ QUINONES, a JURE member in Venezuela, had come to the United States in order to organize the labor section of JURE.

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NY T-2 further stated that FELIX HEIBLUM LEVIN, Delegate of JURE in New York, on December 22, 1963, submitted his resignation, but it was not immediately accepted. NY T-2 stated that HEIBLUM LEVIN resigned as a delegate because he did not have the time to devote to his duties.

NY T-2 also stated on December 23, 1963, that "MANOLO" RAY, who was recently in New York, tried to obtain some C-4 explosives from an unidentified American, but was unsuccessful and the JURE leaders in New York were discouraged over this failure.

NY T-2 advised on December 23, 1963, that he knew of no specific group within JURE which had special training in the use of explosives. NY T-2 stated that if such a group of individuals existed within JURE who were well-trained in the use of explosives and sabotage, it would probably include the 12 individuals who had recently been sent from Miami to Puerto Rico. NY T-2 stated that if such a highly trained group existed within JURE, he felt that ROGELIO CISNEROS of Miami would probably be in charge.

(S)(u) NY T-1, on December 26, 1963, advised that he received a telephone call that day from RAUL CHIBAS in which CHIBAS made an appointment for December 30, 1963, to discuss with NY T-1 the purchase of weapons for JURE. *B B*

NY T-1 also advised on December 26, 1963, that CHIBAS told him that JURE has temporarily postponed the contemplated trip to Jamaica to inspect the property which had been offered to them for their use by ROBIN MOORE. *B*

NY T-2, on January 2, 1964, advised that RAUL CHIBAS went to Miami, Florida, on December 25, 1963, on an undisclosed mission. CHIBAS returned to New York on December 30, 1963, together with ROGELIO CISNEROS, the Miami leader of JURE, and

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brought back with them \$5,000.00 in JURE bonds. NY T-2 stated that these bonds had been sent to Miami by "MANOLO RAY from Puerto Rico. The bonds which were brought to New York by CHIBAS were distributed among JURE members in New York City for sale to JURE members and sympathizers.

NY T-2 also advised on January 2, 1964, that the 12 men or so who reportedly were sent from Miami to Puerto Rico and are headed by EDEL NONTIEL, are now reported definitely to be in Puerto Rico. NY T-2 stated that these men are reported to be well-trained in infiltration tactics and guerilla fighting.

NY T-1, on January 3, 1964, advised that he spoke with RAUL CHIBAS who informed him that he had brought some bonds from Miami, Florida, for sale among people in New York. The bonds are in the amount of \$92.00 which the JURE feels will be the cost to outfit and equip one man for fighting inside Cuba. CHIBAS also told NY T-1 that JURE had 50 men trained and equipped to go into Cuba and that JURE was interested in purchasing 500 weapons of the M-1 and "Enforcer" type which were available through NY T-1. CHIBAS said that they desired to have 200 to 300 rounds of ammunition for each gun purchased and they would like this equipment in 60 days. NY T-1 also said that CHIBAS wanted to know whether the ammunition for the M-1 and the "Enforcer" was interchangeable with the Belgian FALs.

NY T-1 advised that CHIBAS also told him on January 3, 1964, that they wanted to get people infiltrated into Cuba in groups of eight with effective and accurate transmitting equipment. CHIBAS also wanted to know whether or not the guns and ammunition available through NY T-1 could be delivered to the JURE in Costa Rica or if the guns and ammunition could be delivered to JURE on the high seas which alternative they preferred.

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NY T-1 advised on January 15, 1964, that he had discussed the purchase of weapons with RAUL CHIBAS in detail on January 14, 1964. He told CHIBAS that the M-1 and the "Enforcer", an anti-guerilla gun, could be purchased by him from the University Firearms Corporation, 3746 East 10th Court, Hialeah, Florida. NY T-1 said that he told CHIBAS that the sale of these guns could only be made to legitimate governments or dealers. NY T-1 stated that the cost of the .30 carbine M-1 was \$89.95, and the "Enforcer" was \$99.95. NY T-1 said that he told CHIBAS that he could get these guns from the company in the neighborhood of \$60.00 each as he did not desire to make any profit on the sale of the guns to JURE.

NY T-1 said that CHIBAS informed him that he would have to consult with "MANOLO" RAY and stated that they were definitely interested in 500 weapons mixed between the M-1 and the "Enforcer". CHIBAS said that he would discuss this matter with RAY at the earliest opportunity and inform NY T-1 of RAY's decision. NY T-1 also stated that he told CHIBAS to impress upon RAY that the sale of the weapons could only be made in a legitimate manner.

CHIBAS, according to NY T-1, stated that he was in favor of getting the fighting started inside Cuba as soon as possible without regard to the political ties of the individuals fighting. He also said that the success of the fight inside Cuba depended upon the defection of members of the militia, various army units, and the disenchanted and wavering Communists.

NY T-1, on January 15, 1964, also furnished a copy of the JURE bond which is being offered for sale. This bond is in the amount of \$92.00 and is for the purpose of purchasing a rifle and equipment for the fight in Cuba. It is signed by MANUEL RAY and the Treasurer of JURE, who is identified as J. J. MARABOTTO.

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NY T-1, on January 20, 1964, stated that he spoke on that day with ALFONSO DE LA CARRERA, who informed him that he had recently seen "MINOLO" RAY and that RAY had on his person a check in excess of \$10,000.00. DE LA CARRERA also stated that the JURE were attempting, at the present time, to obtain Puerto Rican birth certificates for the use of their people in travel to and from Puerto Rico.

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DE LA CARRERA also told NY T-1 that the JURE was on the verge of joining with the Cuban Liberation Army which is headed by Comandante HUBERT MATOS who currently is serving a 30-year prison term on the Isle of Pines.

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NY T-3, on January 21, 1964, advised that he had first become associated with the JURE during a recent business trip to Puerto Rico. NY T-3 advised that he had been a life long friend of CARLOS DIAGO who currently has the position of Under-Secretary of Foreign Relations for the JURE and resides in Puerto Rico. NY T-3 advised that the Secretary of Foreign Relations for JURE is Dr. ROBERTO AGRAMONTES, a former leading figure in the Cuban Revolution headed by FIDEL CASTRO. Due to his age and physical infirmities, Dr. AGRAMONTES is not able to be too active and, as a result, CARLOS DIAGO handles most of the Foreign Relations for the JURE and is extremely close to and travels with "MINOLO" RAY.

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NY T-3 advised that the JURE just opened offices in New York City during the past week and the headquarters are located on West 43rd Street between 7th Avenue and Broadway. Dr. RAUL CHIBAS is the delegate of the JURE in New York, and just recently ANGEL FIGUEROA was elected coordinator, and replaced FELIX NEIBURM LEVIN who was unable to continue in office because of his employment. NY T-3 stated that an

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individual (First Name Unknown) SANCHEZ is the Secretary of Acts, and that they have a new Treasurer whose name is FRANCO, but he had no further identifying information concerning him.

NY T-3 advised that all military matters for the JURE are in the hands of "MANOLO" RAY and his assistant, ROGELIO CISNEROS, who is the delegate of the JURE in Miami, Florida. NY T-3 advised that RAUL CHIBAS is the individual in charge of military matters in the New York area.

NY T-3 also stated on January 21, 1964, that the JURE, under the leadership of RAY, advocates the government ownership of utilities and certain businesses and also advocates a policy of agrarian reform. NY T-3 advised that while he was in Puerto Rico during December, 1963, he had attended several meetings with his close friend, CARLOS DIAGO, and determined that there were committees within the JURE who were then working on the problems of ownership of properties and businesses and also working out reforms in the Agrarian Reform Law and also proposing continuation of cooperatives. NY T-3 stated that the main drawback within the JURE and outside the JURE is the Leftist tendency of "MANOLO" RAY. NY T-3 said that he feels that RAY may have moderated his views on certain matters, but he still has views which to many have been labeled Leftist. NY T-3 also stated that the criticism of RAY and the system proposed by the JURE, is still "Fidelismo Sin Fidel". B

ISMAEL RODRIGUEZ on January 28, 1964, advised that the JURE was selling bonds in New York and each bond was in the amount of \$92.00. RODRIGUEZ advised that in conversation with RAUL CHIBAS, CHIBAS told him that the time was about right to start fighting inside Cuba. Although there has not been

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anything definitely accomplished regarding fighting inside CUBA, nevertheless, men have been infiltrated inside Cuba.

RODRIGUEZ also said that ORLANDO CASTRO, the delegate of JURE in Venezuela, had been recently elected as a member of the junta of the JURE because of his close connection with president BETANCOURT of Venezuela and because of the financial assistance being given to JURE by BETANCOURT. RODRIGUEZ advised that the JURE recently opened headquarters in New York and advised that they are located at 104 West 43rd Street, New York.

NY T-1, on February 9, 1964, advised that he had a telephone call from RAUL CHIBAS and advised that CHIBAS told him that there was some delay in the JURE plans to begin fighting in Cuba, but that these plans were still in effect. CHIBAS said that he was still teaching school at New Hyde Park High School and intended to stay on until the end of the present term. CHIBAS said he had no further word from "MANOLO" PAY regarding the purchase of weapons other than that RAY preferred weapons of the same caliber as the FALs. CHIBAS said that RAY quit his job in Puerto Rico in order to devote his full time to the activities of JURE and has recently stated that he will be fighting in Cuba by May 20, 1964.

RAUL CHIBAS, 41-40 Denman Street, Elmhurst, Queens, on February 12, 1964, stated that he continues to be a Spanish instructor at New Hyde Park High School, Mineola, New York, and continues his association and leadership of the JURE in New York. CHIBAS advised that he is a member of the Executive Board of JURE which is headed by MANOLO RAY. CHIBAS stated that the new coordinator of the JURE in New York is ANGEL FIGUEREDO, who formerly was the Treasurer of the organization in New York.

CHIBAS advised that he is ^{not} in charge of military operations of the JURE and stated that all military matters were directly

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under the control of "MANOLO" RAY. CHIBAS said that "MANOLO" RAY has made statements that he will be in Cuba by May 20, 1964. CHIBAS said that he believes that RAY is premature in this statement although he does not know precisely what RAY means by the statement.

CHIBAS advised that very recently five organizations have joined under the leadership of JURE and this was announced in Miami, Florida, about one week ago. CHIBAS said that the five organizations now aligned with JURE are:

1. Liberating Army of Cuba
2. Cuba Libre Movement
3. Revolutionary National Assembly
4. National Revolutionary Cuban Front and
5. Cuban Military Units who received training from the United States Army at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina.

NY T-4, on February 10, 1964, furnished copies of clippings from Miami newspapers which announced the joining of JURE by five anti-CASTRO organizations whose identities are set out above.

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Reference Report of Special Agent
Francis J. O'Brien at New York, dated and captioned as above.

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